

Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 25 February 2002 - 1 March 2002
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **12 March 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at EEOB, Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **18 April 2002: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Principals' meeting (site to be determined).

(U//~~ATUO~~) **June 2002: Historical Review Panel:** Next meeting at

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **April 2003:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~ATUO~~) **FOIA Requests**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **National Security Archive Interested in Intelligence Sharing with Colombia**

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive requested documents relating to "guidelines issued in March 1999 pertaining to intelligence sharing with the Colombian military. These guidelines are discussed in a June 1999 General Accounting Office report that recognize[s] the increasing involvement of the insurgents in drug trafficking activities and their demonstrated abilities to attack counternarcotics operations, personnel and infrastructure, and establish a better means to facilitate the exchange of information with the Colombian military on insurgent activities within the drug-trafficking areas."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **News Service Seeks Correspondence Between Agency and Congressmen**

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester with the Newhouse News Service in Washington, DC asked for copies of "all correspondence from January 1, 1997 to the present between CIA personnel and US Senators Richard Shelby, Jeff Sessions and US Representative Sonny Callahan of Alabama. The requester notes that "[he is] gathering information on the activities of members of the Alabama congressional delegation with respect to issues facing the CIA because of its critical role in national security and other issues."

- The FOIA case officer provided the requester with four responsive documents concerning Senator Shelby from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database of previously released material.

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(U//~~ATUO~~) **CIA Declassification Center**

(U//~~ATUO~~) **External Referral Working Group (ERWG) Holds February 2002 Meeting at**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) IMS hosted the monthly meeting of the External Referral Working Group (ERWG) on 26 February. The meeting was attended by 37 representatives from 16 federal organizations. Chief of the CIA

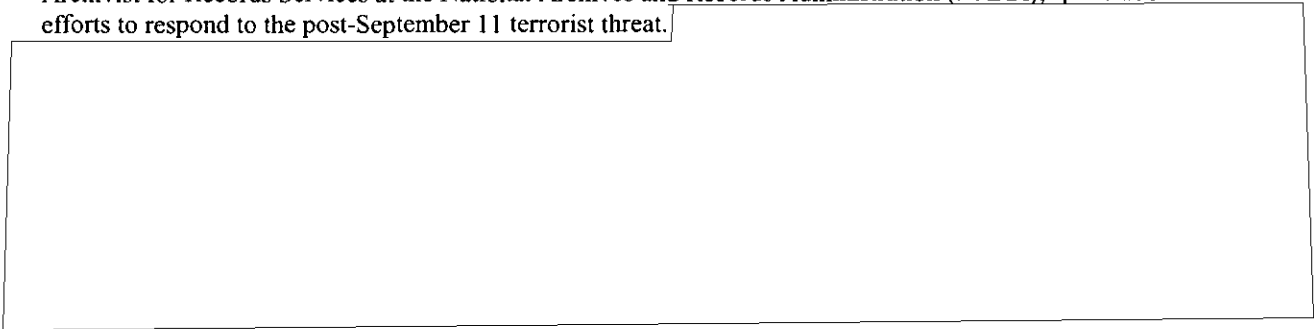
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Declassification Center, chaired the meeting at [redacted] Invited speaker, Dr. Michael Kurtz, Assistant Archivist for Records Services at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), spoke about NARA's efforts to respond to the post-September 11 terrorist threat.

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~~(U//ATUC)~~ **CDC Team Travels to Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks**

~~(U//ATUC)~~ On 24 February 2002, a team from the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) traveled to the Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, to begin a two-week test project. The objective of the project is to determine all the administrative actions required to successfully deploy a review team to a remote site and to obtain an idea of how long it will take to review the 270,000+ pages located at Carlisle that have been referred to the Agency by the Army Declassification Activity. [redacted]

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~~(U//ATUC)~~ **From the Archives: General Counsel Outlines Origins of CIA Authorities in 1973 Memo**

~~(U//ATUC)~~ The relationship between the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949 was the subject of a memorandum from Lawrence Houston, CIA General Counsel, to the Legislative Counsel. The memorandum, dated 19 September 1973, was reviewed recently by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center. The document succinctly and very clearly outlines Houston's views on the relationship between the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949. The National Security Act of 1947, according to Houston, set "CIA's functional responsibilities as well as its structural relationship within the Executive Branch ... while administrative authorities for the most part, would be enacted in 1949." Houston explained that the President's war powers had expired and it was "recognized that Congressional authorizations for CIG (Central Intelligence Group, a predecessor to the CIA) was necessary." President Truman, therefore, in early 1947 created a team to draft legislation that established the position of DCI and the Central Intelligence Agency. The bill passed after five months of deliberation. The CIA Act of 1949, on the other hand, provided "... authorization for the CIA to exercise the authorities of a number of sections of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947; authority to transfer monies between the CIA and other Government agencies with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, but without regard to limitations of appropriations from which transferred; the authority to expend sums necessary to carry out CIA's function; and last, but not least, for objects of a confidential, extraordinary, or emergency nature, expenditures could be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Director." In conclusion, Houston noted: "The 1949 act was drafted in support of the broadest concept of intelligence and was based mainly on the experience of OSS and the legal and legislative problems faced in the conduct of its multifaceted operations. The creation of the CIA was now complete with its roots buried in a composite of legislative and executive action." [redacted]

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